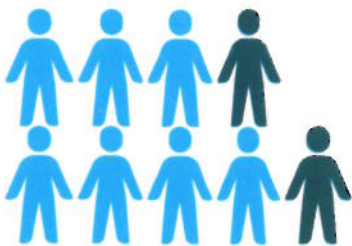


Eliminate fees & fines for youth in Utah **S.B. 120**



Fees & fines are discriminatory

Black youth in Utah are **3.3** times more likely, and Native youth **4.3** times more likely, than White youth to pay fees and fines.



Poorer youth and families in rural areas bear the brunt of these costs.

Fees & fines are ineffective

Higher fees & fines increase the likelihood of future system contact for youth.

**"Paying something hurts, but you don't learn."
"I started stealing because of [fines and fees]."**

- Young person in Utah

Fees & fines hurt families

Fees & fines weaken family ties and undermine family reunification, worsening outcomes for system-involved young people.

**"My mom is still in debt because of me."
"We have had to take money from family savings to pay."**

- Young person in Utah

Fees & fines net little revenue

In FY 21, Utah collected \$134k in court-ordered juvenile fees & fines, compared to a total court budget of over \$45 million.



Utah stakeholders support eliminating juvenile fees & fines

- Salt Lake County District Attorney
- Liberties Institute of Utah
- Americans for Prosperity - Utah
- ACLU Utah
- Voices for Utah Children
- Utah Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
- Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys

UT should join the 22 states that have ended juvenile fees & fines since 2017